

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 20, 2013. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Christopher Schuchard, Lou Sotelo, and John Stauter. Absent: Alderman Barry Cox.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Assistant to the City Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Acting Fire Chief Gary Cook, and Assistant City Clerk Monique Castillo.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lois Von Holten Fulfs, 1407 7th Ave., requested permission to remove utility flags posted in her yard. She contacted ComEd, Nicor Gas, Comcast and City offices to find out why they had been posted. None of the organizations were aware of any work to be done. Amanda Schmidt stated length of time and the fact that no one knows why they were initially placed warrants her to remove the flags.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- A) Approval of minutes from May 6, 2013 meeting
- B) Approval of Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,501,992.70
- C) Partial payment request #11 for City Hall remodeling project in the amount of \$94,098.45 to Sjoström Construction
- D) Change order #5 for the City Hall remodeling project in the amount of \$55,544.36
- E) Bid award for City Street Projects Contract #1 to Martin & Company Excavating in the amount of \$139,961.00 (2nd Avenue – 6th Street to 8th Street and 9th Avenue – 4th Street to 5th Street)
- F) Petition from CLP Sterling IL Owner, LLC, owners of 2705 Avenue E to rezone the property from R-3 to R-3 Special Use to allow for a Planned Unit Development; refer to Plan Commission

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve appointments to the Boards and Commissions List as follows: Reappoint to the Library Board, Scott Whalen, Beth Hafner, and Tim Zollinger for a three year term. Appoint to the Plan Commission Board, Rick Andersen, to fill the unexpired three year term of Michael Gill who moved out of town. Reappoint to the Police Pension Board, John Miller for a two year term. Reappoint to the Fire and Police Commission, Spencer Schein for a three year term.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes - Aldermen Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Sterling Kiwanis Club and Trissel, Graham and Toole were recognized for their adoption of downtown planters in conjunction with the Clean and Green project. A certificate was presented to representatives, in attendance, of the Sterling Kiwanis Club.

A Certificate of Citizen Involvement was presented to Jordan Young for his selfless actions that resulted in two saved lives the morning of April 4, 2013, on the scene of a house fire at 2007 East Seventh Street, Sterling, Illinois.

Hadley Skeffinton-Vos reminded everyone that the first movie in the park is Thursday (5/23/2013). Showtime should be around 8:30 p.m.

Skeffinton-Vos also reported the Clean and Green project was a huge success and with all the volunteers, most of the work was completed on Friday.

Mayor Lee introduced Ms. Vernande Joseph. Ms. Joseph is a Haiti Hope Gender Specialist, USAID consultant. She has traveled abroad in hopes of experiencing the lifestyles of a “normal” city family. While visiting Sterling, she will stay with Mayor Lee and his family.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Monique Castillo
Assistant City Clerk